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Subject: Proposal for Installation of Classified Teletype Circuit, linking CIA, OIR, ID, ONI, and AIR

1. Project would call for installation of classified machines in the coordination offices of the subject agencies. The circuit would be secure for information including Top Secret, would be designed for teletype conferences, and would be provided with cutting-tape device for quick delivery of longer items.

2. General advantages of the installation would be:

a. A large part of the messenger service now consuming time and involving risk of non-delivery through error, would be eliminated.

b. Questions and answers which cannot be handled over the telephone could be expeditiously disposed of by this method.

c. Changes in papers could be made with simultaneous approval of all concerned.

d. A considerable saving in time and material could be effected through the partial abandonment of multigraphing now necessary to effect coordination. (Teletypes will deliver up to five copies of a message. Five is the largest number of CRE coordination copies now delivered to any IAC Agency. To double the number, it is necessary only to run the tape twice).

e. In general, when papers were urgent, not only could they be greatly expedited, but more time for study could be accorded to agencies of offering concurrence or dissent.

3. Following are examples of uses to which teletype circuit could be put:

a. Short CRE's could be put on the wire and simultaneously delivered, thus accomplishing at one time what now requires: (1) writing on

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(2) *Correcting stencils with rogers and scotch tape*  
ditto stencils; (3) running off stencils on machine; (4) assembling copy; (5) packaging it; and (6) having it delivered by messenger who must visit two buildings and four offices collecting receipts in each.

- b. Comments and dissents on short ORE's could be returned by the same method; CIA could indicate use made of comments over the teletype, all being simultaneously informed of changes made. Thus inter-departmental meetings, now consuming considerable time of upwards of seven or eight people could be eliminated: those held would be shorter, simpler, and more to the point.
- c. When deadlines were to be met, and publication was being held up pending delivery of formal Agency dissents, the time of delivery could be cut.
- d. In the case of Situation Reports, although they would still be delivered by hand, departmental commentaries could be delivered to all parties at once, while CIA could indicate extent of compliance in the same way. This convenience alone might cut down the process of individual SR production by weeks. (Note: Some SR's have been the subject of extended wrangling, innumerable meetings, and very extensive change, which in turn have resulted in the necessity of recirculation. Since the physical process of entering all changes on a master copy was exceedingly time-consuming, it was done on only one or two copies which were then sent to the Agencies by the round-robin method.)
- e. The CIA Monthly Review which now must be reproduced by multigraph

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as well as delivered to the printer in order that the IAC Agencies may study it before it is delivered to the Security Council could be delivered quicker and with less trouble.

f. Intelligence Memoranda would not be directly affected, but when it was desired to submit information drafts for informal opinion, the teletype could be used.

4. So long as the present mode of interdepartmental coordination or an equivalent system is in effect, it would appear that a teletype circuit such as that proposed above would be entirely practicable and decidedly worthy of favorable consideration.

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